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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR GREEN'S COMMENTS ON SEATO

CINCPAC FOR POLAD

1. THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BANGKOK POST OF JULY 24 CARRIES A UPI STORY FROM CANBERRA REPORTING A STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR GREEN TO THE EFFECT THAT AN AUSTRALIAN PULLOUT FROM SEATO COULD MEAN AMERICAN WITHDRAWAL FROM THE ORGANIZATION. THE ARTICLE QUOTES AMBASSADOR GREEN AS SAYING, "ONCE COUNTRIES LIKE AUSTRALIA PULL OUT OF SEATO, IT IS GOING TO MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR US TO CONTINUE OUR SUPPORT....NOT ONLY FOR SEATO,BUT FOR OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS."

2. AMBASSADOR GREEN IS QUOTED AS SAYING SEATO PROBABLY HAS A "LIMITED TIME AHEAD" AND WAS REGARDED BY THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN CANBERRA AS "UNIMPORTANT".

3. AMBASSADOR GREEN IS FURTHER QUOTED AS COMMENTING ON AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM'S WELL KNOWN REMARK ABOUT THAILAND'S GOING THE WAY OF VIETNAM: "I DON'T

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THINK THERE WILL BE ANOTHER VIETNAM.

"WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE DRAWN INTO ANOTHER AFFAIR LIKE THIS WITHOUT VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF ALL THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES.

"IN OTHER WORDS, THE CONCEPT THAT SOMEHOW WE ARE GOING TO BLUNDER INTO A SITUATION, OR THAT WE WILL PROCEED IN A WAY WITHOUT GIVING CAREFUL THOUGHT TO THE CONSEQUENCES, I THINK IS WRONG."

4. AS WE EXPECT EARLY AND RATHER CLOSE QUESTIONING FROM THE RTG AND THE PRESS ON THIS STORY, WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE RECEIVING A FULL TRANSCRIPT OF THESE REMARKS.
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